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## Experts say sexual assault rates hard to compare

Tulane survey put issue in spotlight

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No one disputes that Tulane University's latest student survey on the prevalence of campus sexual misconduct laid bare a problem that was starkly worse than some may have expected.

What experts say is harder to decide is whether the figures mean the elite New Orleans university has a much bigger problem than its peers around the country, or whether it simply did a better job of measuring sexual assault by using the most up-to-date methods.

"I don't know if we're going to know that answer yet, simply because we're now better understanding sexual violence research and sexual violence in this country," said Meredith Smith, the assistant provost in charge of Tulane's sexual assault reporting.

The wide-ranging survey, developed by national researchers in 2014, found 4 in 10 undergraduate women said they have been

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## Paychecks may change again as state taxes update

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Louisiana taxpayers who saw increased take-home pay last month from changes to the federal tax law will soon start giving a bit of that money back — to the state.

Louisiana's income taxes are tied to federal income tax policy. The federal tax cuts passed by Congress in late 2017 increased take-home pay, generating more income for state taxation. The state updated tax withholding tables Friday to reflect the federal changes and ensure employers are withholding enough state tax from paychecks.

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## Trump visits Fla. victims



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President Donald Trump, right, shakes hands Friday with Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel as he meets with law enforcement officers at the Sheriff's Office in Pompano Beach, Fla., following Wednesday's shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

## President thanks law enforcement, medical personnel

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**POMPANO BEACH, Fla.** — President Donald Trump came face to face Friday with hospitalized victims from the horrific school shooting in Florida and offered thanks to the doctors and nurses who helped the wounded, declaring "the job they've done is

incredible."

Asked if he'd talked with victims, Trump added: "I did indeed, and it's very sad something like that could happen."

After paying their respects to medical professionals at Broward Health North Hospital, Trump and his wife, Melania, visited with law enforcement officials in Fort Lauderdale, where he told officers that he hoped

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they were "getting the credit" they deserved for their response to the shooting that left 17 dead and 14 injured.

"I was at the hospital with a lot of parents and they are re-

ally thankful for the job you've done," Trump said at the Broward County Sheriff's Office, where he was joined by Gov. Rick Scott, Sen. Marco Rubio and other Florida officials.

He added that the young victims were in "really great shape" considering what they have been through.

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## Iconic vendor 'Mr. Okra' dies

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He didn't play the trumpet or the piano, but for decades, Arthur "Mr. Okra" Robinson provided one of the distinctive sounds of a city famous for its music.

He was a roving produce vendor, traveling the city's streets in a heavily customized pickup and using a loudspeaker to sing the praises of his oranges and bananas, his avocados and, of course, his okra.

But now what seemed like a

timeless sound in this city has come to an end.

Robinson died Thursday. He was 75.

His family said he died at home of natural causes.

The young and old alike knew Robinson as Mr. Okra, and he was a frequent sight in many different neighborhoods. He was a link back to a different era in New Orleans, when everything from ice to charcoal was sold door to door.

For Robinson, the job was actually part of a family tradition, one he picked up from his father, Nathan Robinson.

"My daddy was the first Mr. Okra man," Arthur Robinson said in a 2009 interview. "He started selling fruit from a wheelbarrow, then from a horse and buggy, then from a truck. I always rode around with him when I could, and when I got big, I went off on my own."

Robinson had other vocations through the years, working at a service station and as a crewman on a freighter. He later ran his own tire shop, servicing 18-wheelers.

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Arthur 'Mr. Okra' Robinson, a well-known roving produce vendor, died Thursday at 75.

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